

TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

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Four-Wheel Drive (4WD) - Sustained Steering Wheel Oscillation Above 45 MPH (72 Km/h)

Model:

Ford 2017-2019 F-250 2017-2019 F-350

Issue: Some 2017-2019 F-250/F-350 4WD vehicles may exhibit a sustained steering wheel oscillation after hitting rough pavement or an expansion joint above 45 mph (72 km/h). This may be due to excessive lag/lash of the steering linkage damper. To correct the condition, follow the Service Procedure to replace the steering linkage damper.

Action: Follow the Service Procedure to correct the condition on vehicles that meet all of the following criteria:

- 2017-2019 F-250 and F-350 vehicles only
- 4WD
- Customer complaint of sustained steering wheel oscillation after hitting rough pavement or an expansion joint above 45 mph (72 km/h)

NOTE: Part quantity refers to the number of that service part number required, which may be different than the number of individual pieces. Service part numbers contain 1 piece unless otherwise stated. "As Needed" indicates the part is required but the number may vary or is not a whole number; parts can be billed out as non-whole numbers, including less than 1.

Parts

Part Number	Description	Quantity
KC3Z-3E651-B	Steering Linkage Damper	1

Warranty Status: Eligible under provisions of New Vehicle Limited Warranty (NVLW)/Service Part Warranty (SPW)/Special Service Part (SSP)/Extended Service Plan (ESP) coverage. Limits/policies/prior approvals are not altered by a TSB. NVLW/SPW/SSP/ESP coverage limits are determined by the identified causal part and verified using the OASIS part coverage tool.

Labor Times

Description	Operation No.	Time
2017-2019 F-250/F-350 4WD: Replace The Steering Linkage Damper Includes Time To Check And Adjust Tire Pressure (Do Not Use With Any Other Labor Operations)	212173A	0.4 Hrs.

Repair/Claim Coding

Causal Part:	3E651
Condition Code:	42

Service Procedure

- 1. Check and adjust the tire pressure as indicated on the driver's door placard.
- 2. Replace the steering linkage damper. Refer to Workshop Manual (WSM), Section 211-03.

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